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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND/SRI LANKA PROJECTS

REF: THIBAUT-PERKINS LETTER OF JUNE 30

1. IT IS FIRM UNDERSTANDING OF ACTING AIR REP HERE THAT
TERMINAL DATE FOR ISSUANCE OF LETTERS OF COMMITMENT
(TDLC) AGAINST \$250,000 TECHNICAL SERVICES COMPONENT TO
PROVIDE FX COSTS OF FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND OTHER TECHNICAL
SERVICES IN AGRICULTURAL INPUTS LOAN EXPIRED MAY 30--NOT
AUGUST 31. SEE STATE 49996, AND COLOMBO 790 (AIDAC).
ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT COLE'S MEMORANDUM OF JUNE
11 TO ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR WAS IN ERROR RE THIS MATTER.

2. MARYLAND PROPOSALS WERE DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
BETWEEN FORMER AID REP KANRICH AND EXTERNAL RESOURCES
DIVISION(ERD) OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.
MOREOVER, GSL PROPOSAL FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DATED
JANUARY 23, 1976 WAS FORWARDED TO MR. JEFFREY EVANS,
ASACCD BY TWO-WAY MEMO FROM MR. E. KANRICH DATED
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CAMPUS. AID/W FURTHER ADVISED OF THIS SUBMISSION

BY COLOMBO 901 ON MARCH 11, 1976. NEVERTHELESS, YOU
ARE CORRECT IN ASSUMING THAT THERE IS NOW VERY LIMITED
INTEREST IN ERD FOR MARYLAND/SRI LANKA UNIVERSITY CONNECTION.

3. CONFUSION THIS MATTER MAY BE DUE FACT THAT IMPLEMENTATION
LETTER NO. 3 EXTENDED TERMINAL DATE FOR LETTER OF COMMITMENT (TDLIC)
FOR COMMODITY ELEMENT TO MAY 31, 1976 RESULT OF DELAY
IN RECEIVING GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCE REPORT
(GSR) RE PROBLEMS "TONG HWA" CARGO, COLOMBO 2069
ADVISED POSSIBLE NEED FURTHER EXTEND COMMODITY ELEMENT TO
JULY 31. PERHAPS THIS IS SOURCE OF AUGUST 31 DATE.

4. WHILE AID POLICY DETERMINATION NO. 57 AUTHORIZES
EXTENSION OF TDD'S UP TO 12 MONTHS PROVIDED TOTAL DISBURSEMENT
PERIOD DOES NOT EXCEED 36 MONTHS, THIS MISSION
UNAWARE ANY AUTHORITY EXTEND TDLCS EITHER BEFORE OR
AFTER ESTABLISHED EXPIRATION DATE. IN SUMMARY, IT WOULD
APPEAR THAT \$250,000 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ELEMENT AGRICULTURAL
INPUTS LOAN NOW DEAD ISSUE.

5. IF WE ARE WRONG ON MAY 31 CUTOFF DATE, PLEASE ADVISE,
AND WE WILL HAVE ONE MORE GO AT PLANNING MINISTRY.
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